City of Cincinnati

An Ordinance No. 395

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ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, "Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant"; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an amount of up to $400,000 from Bloomberg Philanthropies into the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, "Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant," for the purpose of implementing a biochar production facility; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of local matching resources from the unappropriated surplus of Urban Forestry Fund 428 in the amount of $100,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, "Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant."

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the City of Cincinnati Parks Department's Division of Natural Resources ("Parks") and the City of Cincinnati Office of Environment and Sustainability partnered with the University of Cincinnati in the submission of a proposal to Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors Challenge: Biochar Replication Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati was one of only ten cities in the world chosen to participate in the Biochar Replication Project; and

WHEREAS, biochar is a supplemental planting product incorporated into the soil of new tree plantings and landscape beds to increase their capacity to hold water and nutrients, thereby improving growth rate and health; and

WHEREAS, Urban Forestry Fund 428 will be used to provide $100,000 of City resources toward this project, as it holds sufficient resources and is restricted for Urban Forestry Management Program use; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submission to Bloomberg Philanthropies of a grant application detailing an implementation plan and requesting funds to match the City's funding is September 24, 2021, and Parks intends to apply by this date but will not accept the grant award prior to City Council authorization; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "Preserve our natural and built environment" and the strategy to "Protect our natural resources" as described on pages 193-196 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, "Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant," for the purpose of implementing a biochar production facility.
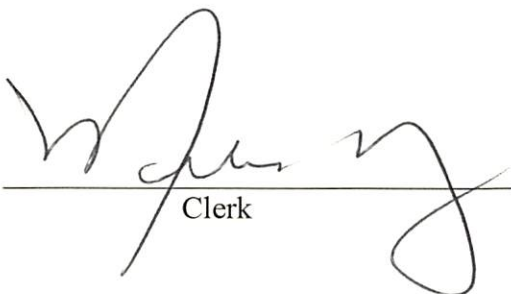
Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an amount of up to $400,000 from Bloomberg Philanthropies into the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, "Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant."
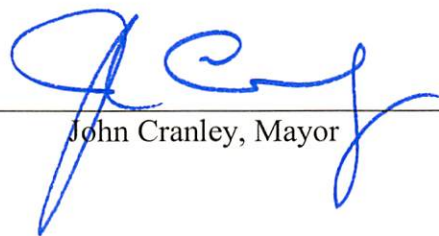
Section 3. That the transfer and appropriation from the unappropriated surplus of Urban Forestry Fund 428 of $100,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222004, "Biochar Replication Bloomberg Grant," is hereby authorized.
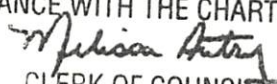
Section 4. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to assure the timely submission of the grant application and acceptance of any granted funds.

Passed: _____October 6_____, 2021

Attest: _____
Clerk

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John Cranley, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 385-2021
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 10-19-2021

CLERK OF COUNCIL